

Minutes of the Sesquicentennial Annual Meeting of the First Unitarian Church of Omaha

Date Sunday May 19, 2019	Location First Unitarian Sanctuary
Call to Order: 10:38 a.m.	Convened by: President Maria Wallace
	Quorum Present: Yes

1. Confirmation of Quorum	
By:	Catherine Plumlee
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Quorum (20% of eligible voters) is present. • 74 present members/200 eligible voting members=37%

2. Appointment of Parliamentarian	
By:	Maria Wallace
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dave Richardson was appointed as parliamentarian.

3. Approval of previous year's Annual Minutes						
By:	All in Attendance					
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P. 8-10 					
Motion made by:	Teresa N'ha-Pagani					
To:	Approve 2017-2018's annual minutes with friendly amendments.					
Seconded by:	Sarah Copeland					
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P. 9, Name spellings, Marie Sedlacek, Nellie Chenoweth, Collin Hatcher • P. 9, misspellings & grammar, indomitable, assets, still be 					
Vote results:	For	Unanimous	Against	0	Motion	Carries

4. Agenda Item: Annual Reports	
By:	Maria Wallace
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P. 11-37

5. Agenda Item: Treasurer's Report and Proposed Budget						
By:	Walt Jesteadt					
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> p. 44 & 45 					
Motion made by:	Ben Wallace					
To:	Approve the 2019-2020 budget					
Seconded by:	Linda Parker					
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> There is a \$40,000 gap between pledges and next year's operating budget. The plan is to do another campaign in the fall. The budget was adjusted according to the pledge drive. Standing ovation for Bill Ross for his volunteer contributions throughout the years. There was much discussion about what it means to be a member of this church, what the church stands for, what it means to pledge, and what possible fundraising we can do in the future. Kate Godfrey motioned to called the question. Kate Wiig seconded. This motion requires a 2/3 majority to pass. For: Majority; Against: 2; Motion to Call the Question: Carries 					
Vote results:	For	Majority	Against	1	Motion	Carries

6. Agenda Item: Elections						
By:	Maria Wallace					
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P. 6 After asking 3 times, there were no new nominations from the floor. 					
Motion made by:	Ben Wallace					
To:	Approve the slate of candidates by acclamation.					
Seconded by:	Pat Will					
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> none 					
Vote results:	For	Unanimous	Against	0	Motion	Carries

7. Agenda Item: Right Relations						
By:	Maria Wallace					
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> P. 7 					
Motion made by:	Kate Godfrey					
To:	Approve the Proposed Covenant of Right Relations as written in the Annual Report.					
Seconded by:	Nadine Keith					
Discussion:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Note there was ample opportunity for feedback. There was no further discussion of the covenant language. 					
Vote results:	For	Unanimous	Against	0	Motion	Carries

8. Agenda Item: Ministerial Search Committee Election	
By:	Maria Wallace
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • P. 7 • Voting by closed ballot. • Committee will be announced at next Sunday's service.

9. Agenda Item: Recognition of Completion of Terms	
By:	Maria Wallace
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recognizes Floyd Prine for fulfilling his 3-year term on the Board of Trustees. • Carol Ramsey for finishing her terms on the Board of Trustees and the Nominating Committee. • Tom Seguin for finishing his terms on the Board of Trustees and as Board Liaison to the Right Relations Committee. • Ben Wallace for fulfilling his 3-year term on the Nominating Committee. • Nadine Keith for fulfilling her 1-year term on the Right Relations Committee. • Jan Wilson for retiring from her position as the Director of Religious Education. • Floyd Prine recognizes Maria Wallace for fulfilling her presidential term.

10. Agenda Item: Nominations and Awards	
By:	Members of the Nominating Committee
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Nobody said no! THANK YOU on behalf of the Nominating Committee. • Youth of the Year Award, presented by Ben Wallace to the politically active and artistic Lily McAvoy. • Young Adult of the Year Award, presented by Kate Godfrey to the ever young at heart, Tom Seguin. • Religious Education Award presented by Kate Godfrey to the likeable Jody Petrow. • Heritage Award presented by Marie Sedlacek to the deserving Dave Richardson. • Keeping the Faith Award presented by Marie Sedlacek to the monumental Barb Dewell and masterful Nancy Scott. • Social Justice Award presented by Kathi Oliver to the environmentally-friendly Mark Luscutoff. • Unsung Unitarian Universalist Award, presented by Kathi Oliver, to the pragmatic and calm Vanessa Timberlake. In addition, another award presented by Kathi Oliver went to the highly-skilled Bill Ross. • Unitarian of the Year Award was presented by Ben Wallace to the much-missed Denise Allain on Sunday May 10, 2019.

11. Agenda Item: Adjourn		
By:	Joe Schaaf	
Notes:	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Thanks to the Rev. Michelle LaGrave, Cat Dixon and the rest of the office staff, the board, EMR, and Treasurer Walt Jesteadt. 	
Time Adjourned:	Minutes Prepared by:	Date Presented:
11:59 a.m.	Catherine Plumlee	Wed May 22, 2019